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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

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NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**!

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A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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OLD TOWN.
WOKE UP LIKE ANY OTHER DAY TODAY.
NO BRUISING ON THE BODY.
THREW THAT DAME FROM DOWN THE HALL OUTTA BED. DRANK MY BREAKFAST. AVOIDED A BILL COLLECTOR OR TWELVE.
NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE.
LIKE I SAID, ANY OTHER DAY. BUT NOW, AS THINGS TURNED OUT...
NO TOXINS.
WELL... UNLESS YA CONSIDER GIN A TOXIN.
...IT VERY MUCH AIN'T LIKE ANY OTHER DAY, IS IT, LOGAN?
NOW YA SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF INVOLVED IN THE BIGGEST CASE OF YOUR LIFE. NOW YA GOTTA FIGURE OUT...

... WHO KILLED TONY STARK?

SO, YA SAY YA JUST FOUND HIM LIKE THIS, MISS...

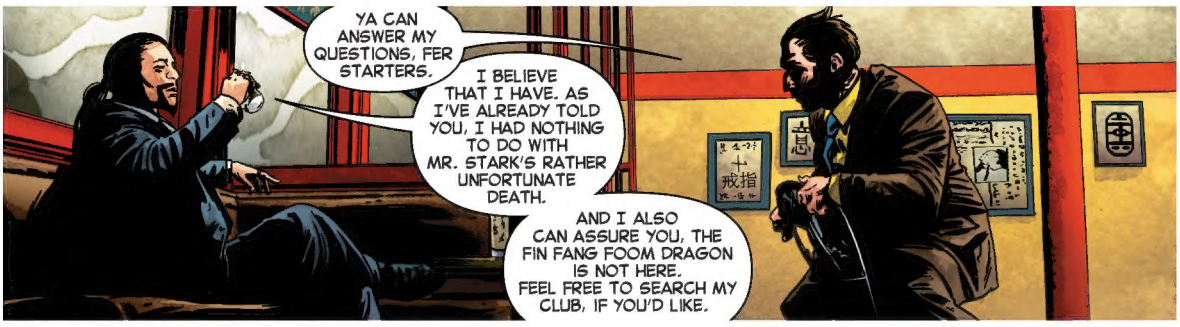
POTTS. PEPPER POTTS.
AND WHAT DID YA SAY YOUR RELATION TO MR. STARK WAS AGAIN, MISS POTTS?
I DIDN'T. BUT IF YOU MUST KNOW, I WAS HIS...
BIOGRAPHER.
YEAH, BIOGRAPHER. AND I WAS HIS AUNT TILLY.
DON'T TAKE NO DETECTIVE TO SEE THERE WAS A LOT MORE THAN BIOGRAPHIN' GOIN' ON HERE.
WORD WAS STARK ALWAYS DID HAVE A WEAKNESS FOR THE REDHEADS.
GUESS WE HAD THAT IN COMMON.
DO YA KNOW ANYBODY THAT WOULD WANT TO DO MR. STARK HARM?
YOU MEAN OTHER THAN BARON ZEMO, THE ENTIRE NAZI PARTY AND THE OTHER HUNDRED OR SO DEATH THREATS HE ROUTINELY GOT BEFORE BREAKFAST EACH DAY?
POINT TAKEN. BUT MAYBE THERE WAS--
WAIT A SEC...

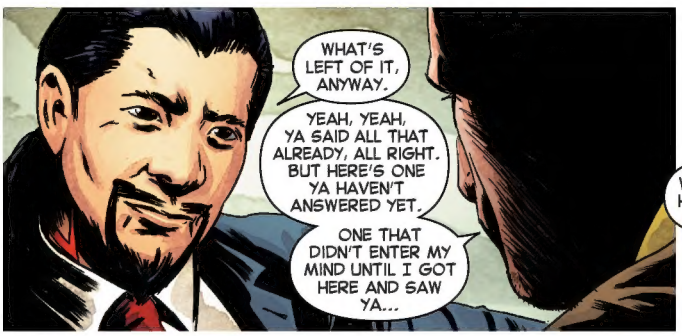
THE KNIFE.
I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.
A CHINESE DAGGER...
THE KIND USED BY THE MANDARIN AND HIS TRIAD GOONS.
THE MANDARIN? TONY HAS HAD SOME ISSUES WITH HIM IN THE PAST.
PARTICULARLY A DISPUTE OVER THE FIN FANG FOOM DRAGON.
American Adventurer
YEAH, READ 'BOUT THAT IN THE PAPERS. STARK FOUND IT ON ONE OF HIS EXPEDITIONS, RIGHT?
RIGHT. BUT THE MANDARIN CLAIMED IT BELONGED TO ONE OF HIS ANCESTORS.
TONY HID IT HERE FOR SAFE-KEEPING...
AND IT'S GONE.
WHICH MEANS I GOT ME A DATE IN CHINATOWN...

"...AT THE TEN RINGS CLUB."
SO, MR. LOGAN...

...YOU TRASH MY CLUB...
MY MEN...
AND INSULT ME.

ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO FOR YOU?

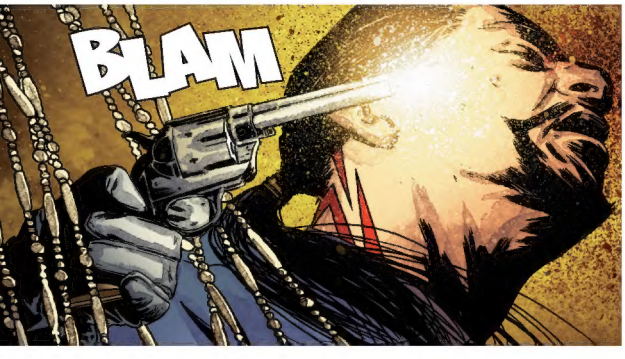

YA CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS, FER STARTERS.
I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE. AS I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MR. STARK'S RATHER UNFORTUNATE DEATH.
AND I ALSO CAN ASSURE YOU, THE FIN FANG FOOM DRAGON IS NOT HERE. FEEL FREE TO SEARCH MY CLUB, IF YOU'D LIKE.


WHAT'S LEFT OF IT, ANYWAY.
YEAH, YEAH, YA SAID ALL THAT ALREADY, ALL RIGHT. BUT HERE'S ONE YA HAVEN'T ANSWERED YET.
ONE THAT DIDN'T ENTER MY MIND UNTIL I GOT HERE AND SAW YA...

WHO THE HELL ARE YA?
BECAUSE YA SURE AIN'T THE MANDARIN I KNOW.

EXCUSE ME?
FER STARTERS, THE MANDARIN I KNOW AIN'T GOT A TATTOO LIKE THAT ON HIS NECK. AND DON'T TELL ME YA JUST GOT IT 'CAUSE THAT AIN'T A FRESH ONE.
'NOTHER THING... YER RINGS ARE DIFFERENT. NOW, SOME MIGHT SAY YA JUST WENT AND BOUGHT YOURSELF NEW JEWELRY.
OTHERS MIGHT SAY THAT DON'T ACTUALLY JIBE SINCE THEM OTHER RINGS YOU'D HAD SINCE YOU WERE JUST A BABY MANDARIN.
AND THEN THERE'S THIS... I DUNNO HOW TO DESCRIBE IT.
BUT YA JUST SMELL DIFFERENT TO ME.
HMN.
YOU ARE A VERY PERCEPTIVE MAN, MR. LOGAN.

TOO PERCEPTIVE FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, I WOULD SAY!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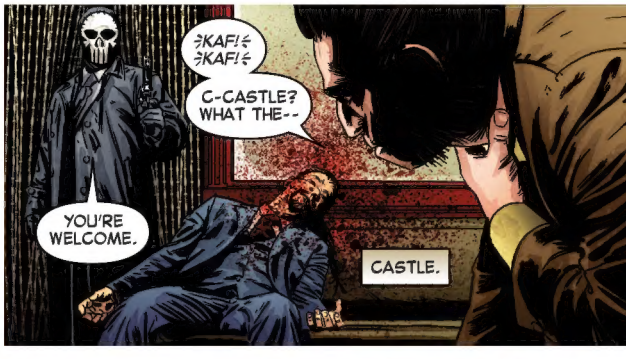

KAF!
KAF!
C-CASTLE? WHAT THE--
YOU'RE WELCOME.
CASTLE.

NOW WIPE YOURSELF OFF AND FOLLOW ME TO MY CAR.

AS IN FRANK CASTLE, JR.

THE GUY THE PAPERS DUBBED "THE PUNISHER."
CASTLE, DON'T GET ME WRONG, THANKS FOR THE SAVE AND EVERYTHIN'--
BUT WHAT ARE YA DOIN' HERE? WHAT THE HELL IS GOIN' ON?
A GUY EVEN I'M CAREFUL AROUND.
AND FOR GOOD REASON.
THIS IS WHAT'S GOIN' ON.
GEEZ. AND THEY CALL ME A PSYCHO...
WHAT IS THAT, FER THE LOVE A'...?
WHAT'S LEFT OF WHIPLASH.
OR "A" WHIPLASH, I SHOULD SAY.
"A" WHIPLASH?
LOOKED LIKE WHIPLASH. SOUNDED LIKE WHIPLASH.
AIN'T WHIPLASH.
I MEAN, OUR WHIPLASH SURE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO ANYTHING LIKE THIS, DID HE?
THAT TATTOO...
SAME AS MANDARIN'S.
SAME AS ALL OF 'EM.

"THEY'RE FUGITIVES. FROM...I DON'T EVEN KNOW.
"ANOTHER TIME. ANOTHER PLACE.
"ANOTHER *EVERYTHING.*"
THERE WERE THREE OF 'EM. THAT MUCH I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT.
GUESS THEY THOUGHT THEY'D SLIP INTO OUR DOMAIN UNDETECTED. TAKE OVER THE LIVES OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS OVER HERE, THE BASTARDS.
THEY DIDN'T COUNT ON ME, THOUGH. THEY DIDN'T...
WAIT A SEC...

"DID YOU SAY THREE FUGITIVES?"
SO...
SHE KILLED HER COUNTERPART...
"...AND THE ONE PERSON WHO'D KNOW THE DIFFERENCE... STARK..."
...AND PLAYED YOU LIKE A FOOL, KNOWING YOU'D TAKE CARE OF THE MANDARIN. KNOWING YOU'D TIE OFF THAT LOOSE END FOR HER.
AM I MISSING ANYTHING?
WELL, WHAT CAN I SAY? GUESS IT'S TRUE AFTER ALL...
"...I ALWAYS DID HAVE A WEAKNESS FER REDHEADS."
THE END...

NEAR GREENLAND.
...I WAS A SCIENTIST WORKING ON GROUNDBREAKING MOLECULAR BIOLOGY.
THEN SOME GAMMA RADIATION CLOUD BLOWS IN, CHANGING EVERYONE INTO GIANT MONSTERS WHENEVER THEY GET ANGRY...
DR. LEONARD SAMSON
ANGER MANAGEMENT THERAPY
SHRINKING TECHNOLOGY. YEESH.
WHO WANTS TO BE SMALL, WHEN EVERYONE IS SO BIG?
HANK, YOU STILL COULD--
JANET, HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL THAT YOU'RE THE SUCCESS STORY IN OUR MARRIAGE?
CLOTHES THAT GROW LARGER AS YOUR BODY DOES. SO STUPID.
WHO KNEW AN INVENTION INTENDED FOR FAT HOUSEWIVES WOULD HAVE SUCH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS NOWADAYS?
YOU SHOWED ME HOW TO HARNESS THE UNSTABLE MOLECULES--
UGH, JUST STOP. SOMETIMES I WISH YOU WOULD JUST SHUT UP FOR ONE--
HULK SHOULD SHUT UP? WHY DON'T YOU SHUT UP?
OKAY, LET'S DE-ESCALATE THE LANGUAGE HERE.
JANET, TRY NOT TO LET YOUR INDIGNATION CROWD OUT YOUR HURT...

HEY! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE DRIVING!

YOU WALKED INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET WITHOUT LOOKING, YOU LUNAT!--

KRAKOOM

HULK SMASH PUNY HONDA CIVIC!

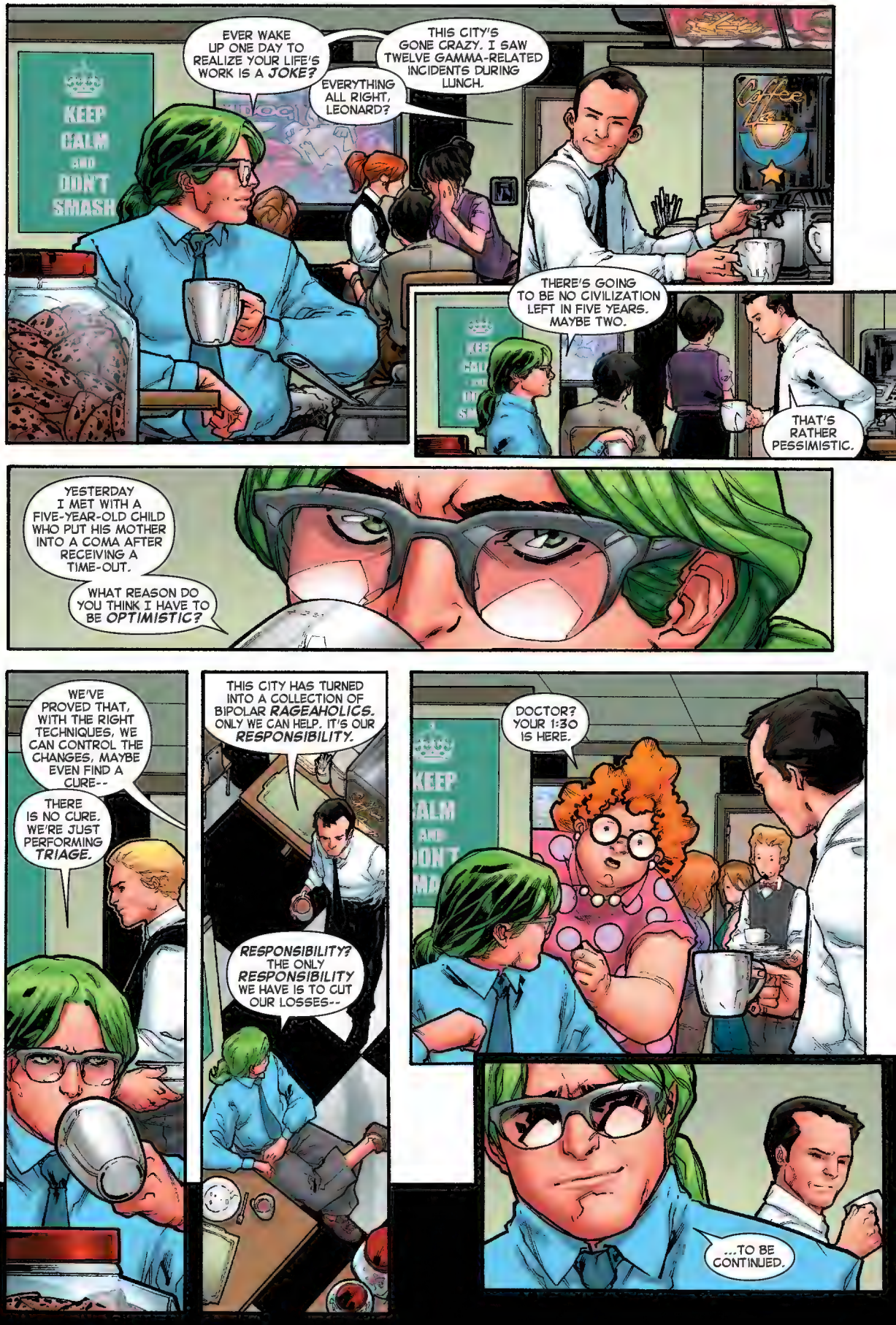
THAT'S HULK'S THIRD CAR WRECKED BY STUPID JAYWALKERS!

NO ONE BUMPS INTO HULK AND DOESN'T SAY "EXCUSE ME"!

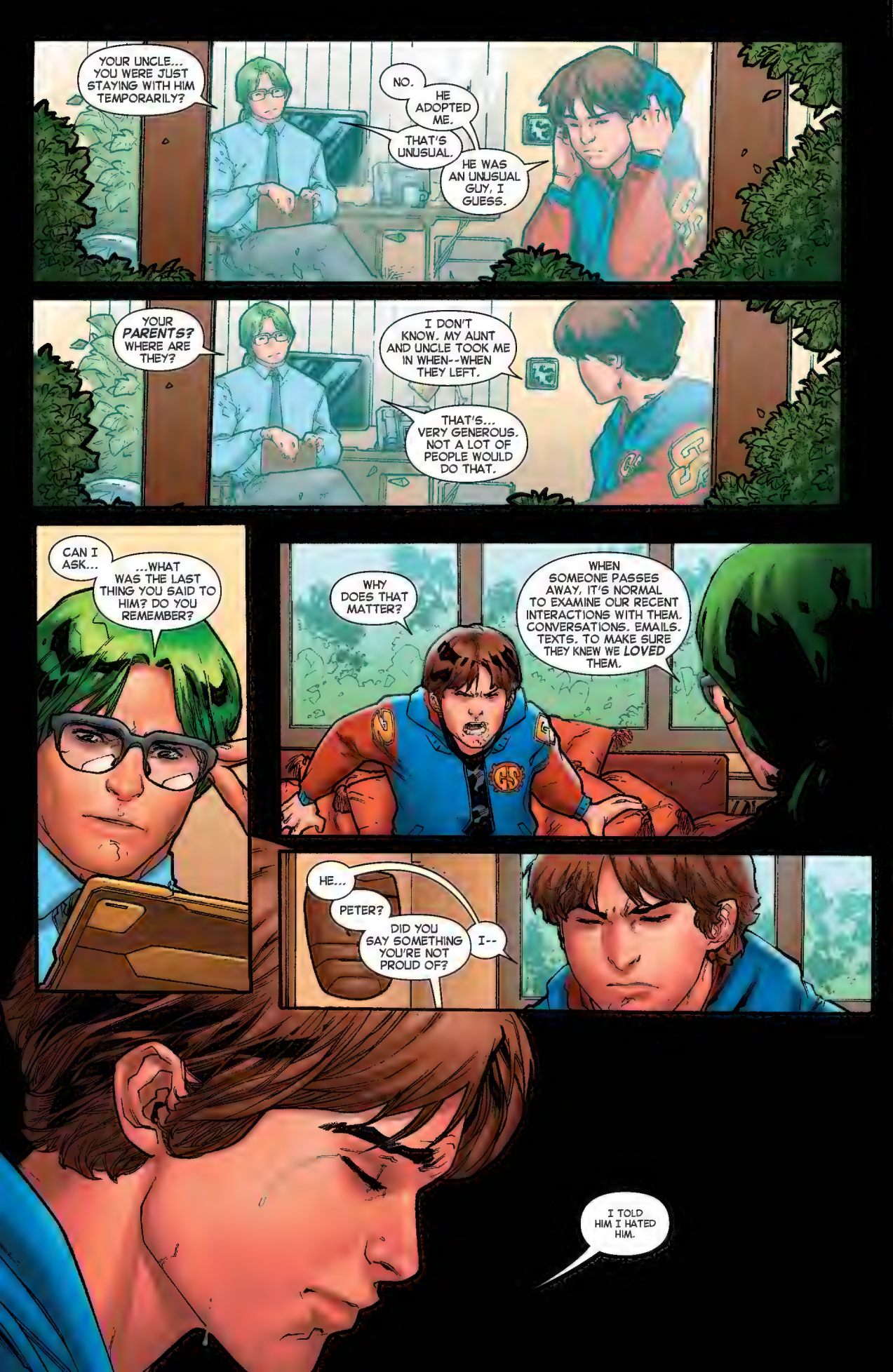
WHY SPOIL LAST NIGHT'S GAME OF THRONES TO HULK?!

HULK NOT PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE, HULK AGGRESSIVE-AGGRESSIVE!!

COME AT HULK, BRO!

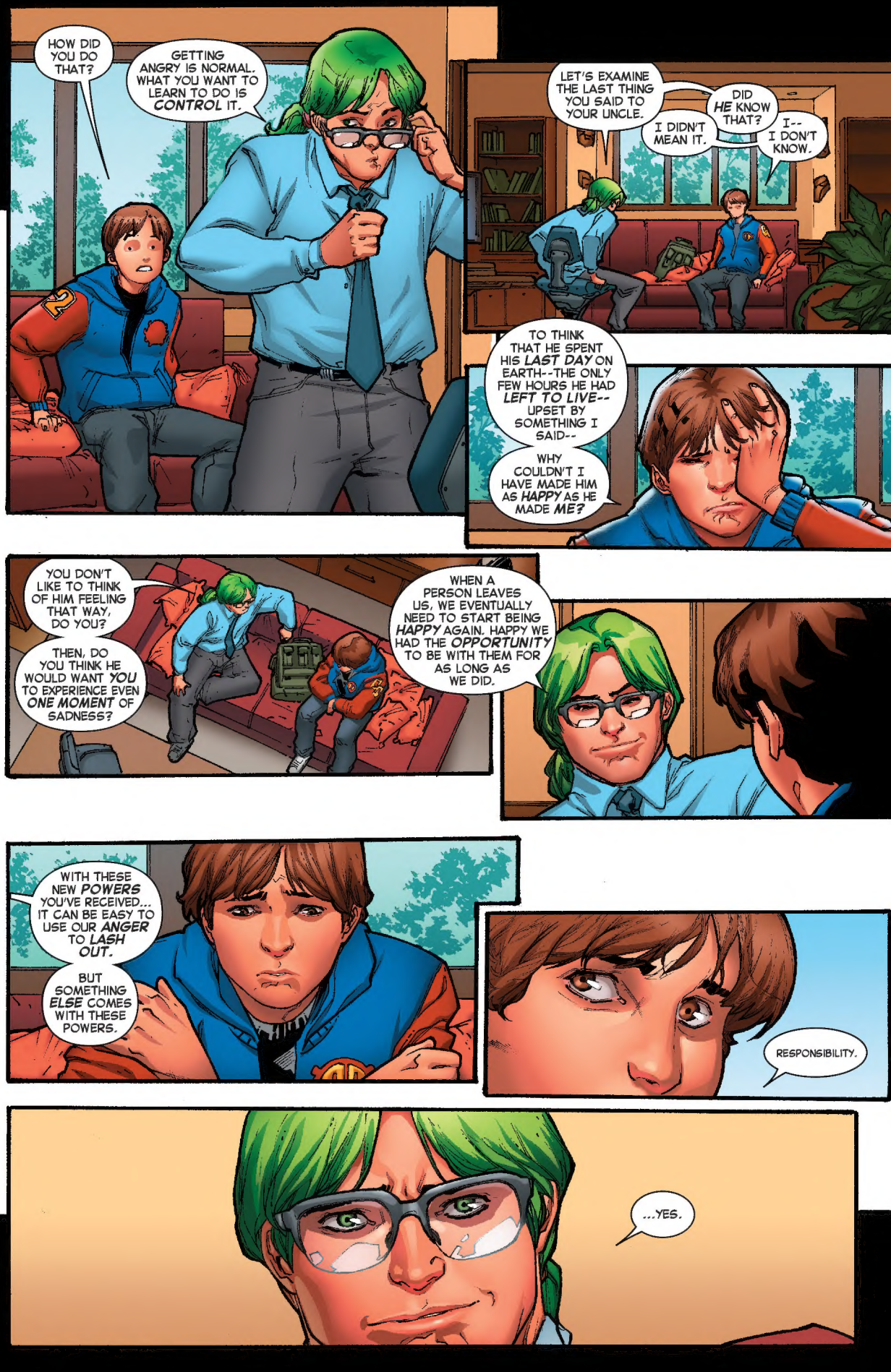

EVER WAKE UP ONE DAY TO REALIZE YOUR LIFE'S WORK IS A JOKE?
EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, LEONARD?
THIS CITY'S GONE CRAZY. I SAW TWELVE GAMMA-RELATED INCIDENTS DURING LUNCH.
KEEP CALM AND DON'T SMASH
THERE'S GOING TO BE NO CIVILIZATION LEFT IN FIVE YEARS. MAYBE TWO.
THAT'S RATHER PESSIMISTIC.
YESTERDAY I MET WITH A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD WHO PUT HIS MOTHER INTO A COMA AFTER RECEIVING A TIME-OUT.
WHAT REASON DO YOU THINK I HAVE TO BE OPTIMISTIC?
WE'VE PROVED THAT, WITH THE RIGHT TECHNIQUES, WE CAN CONTROL THE CHANGES, MAYBE EVEN FIND A CURE--
THERE IS NO CURE. WE'RE JUST PERFORMING TRIAGE.
THIS CITY HAS TURNED INTO A COLLECTION OF BIPOLAR RAGEAHOLICS. ONLY WE CAN HELP. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY.
RESPONSIBILITY? THE ONLY RESPONSIBILITY WE HAVE IS TO CUT OUR LOSSES--
DOCTOR? YOUR 1:30 IS HERE.
...TO BE CONTINUED.

HELLO, I'M DR. SAMSON. AND YOU'RE--
PETER.
HELLO, PETER. WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY?
OKAY, THEN.
YOUR UNCLE DIED DURING A ROBBERY TWO MONTHS AGO. SINCE THEN, YOU'VE HAD DIFFICULTIES MANAGING YOUR TEMPER?
FIGHTS AT HOME AND SCHOOL. YOU SENT ONE BOY, EUGENE, TO THE HOSPITAL...
YOUR AUNT IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOU. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
PFFT.


YOUR UNCLE... YOU WERE JUST STAYING WITH HIM TEMPORARILY?
NO.
HE ADOPTED ME.
THAT'S UNUSUAL.
HE WAS AN UNUSUAL GUY, I GUESS.
YOUR *PARENTS?* WHERE ARE THEY?
I DON'T KNOW. MY AUNT AND UNCLE TOOK ME IN WHEN--WHEN THEY LEFT.
THAT'S... VERY GENEROUS. NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD DO THAT.
CAN I ASK...
...WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU SAID TO HIM? DO YOU REMEMBER?
WHY DOES THAT MATTER?
WHEN SOMEONE PASSES AWAY, IT'S NORMAL TO EXAMINE OUR RECENT INTERACTIONS WITH THEM. CONVERSATIONS. EMAILS. TEXTS. TO MAKE SURE THEY KNEW WE *LOVED* THEM.
HE...
PETER?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT PROUD OF?
I--
I TOLD HIM I HATED HIM.

HE WANTED ME TO COME HOME EARLY TO HELP HIM WITH SOME CHORES. I DIDN'T WANT TO.
SO I BLEW IT OFF. IF I HAD BEEN THERE, MAYBE I COULD HAVE--
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. SOMEONE ELSE DID THIS, NOT YOU.
IT'S SO UNFAIR. THE GUY WHO KILLED HIM IS STILL OUT THERE. PROBABLY HAVING FUN. LAUGHING AT US. NOT CARING AT ALL ABOUT THE YEARS UNCLE BEN HAD LEFT. YEARS HE TOOK FROM HIM.
I CAN FIND HIM. AND TEACH HIM A LESSON. TEACH HIM A LESSON ABOUT PAIN.
HULK WILL SHOW HIM PAIN...

PLEASE CALM DOWN, MR. PARKER.
GREENSPIDERS
TEAM


HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
GETTING ANGRY IS NORMAL. WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN TO DO IS CONTROL IT.
LET'S EXAMINE THE LAST THING YOU SAID TO YOUR UNCLE.
I DIDN'T MEAN IT.
DID HE KNOW THAT?
I-- I DON'T KNOW.
TO THINK THAT HE SPENT HIS LAST DAY ON EARTH--THE ONLY FEW HOURS HE HAD LEFT TO LIVE-- UPSET BY SOMETHING I SAID--
WHY COULDN'T I HAVE MADE HIM AS HAPPY AS HE MADE ME?
YOU DON'T LIKE TO THINK OF HIM FEELING THAT WAY, DO YOU?
THEN, DO YOU THINK HE WOULD WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE EVEN ONE MOMENT OF SADNESS?
WHEN A PERSON LEAVES US, WE EVENTUALLY NEED TO START BEING HAPPY AGAIN. HAPPY WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH THEM FOR AS LONG AS WE DID.
WITH THESE NEW POWERS YOU'VE RECEIVED... IT CAN BE EASY TO USE OUR ANGER TO LASH OUT.
BUT SOMETHING ELSE COMES WITH THESE POWERS.
RESPONSIBILITY.
...YES.

I'LL SPEAK WITH YOUR AUNT. WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE ONCE A WEEK? JUST TO TALK.
I--
YEAH, OKAY.
SO WHAT'S THE PROGNOSIS WITH THE KID?
OPTIMISTIC.
THE END.